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INSURGENTS TAKE A TOWN

Object Lesson in "the Terrible Dignity of War."

EFFECTIVE USE OF ARTILLERY

Col. Garcia and Jesus Habi De-
fend Col. Tovar and His Column—
Gomez Forbids Cane Grinding—
Terrible Suffering Among the
Pacificos.

Havana, Dec. 6.—More details from
Santiago de Cuba concerning the attack
upon Gomez by the insurgents are officially
published in this city today.

The report says that the town was
totally destroyed and that a fierce fight
took place later between the insurgents
and the Spanish column of Col. Tovar.
The column had a lieutenant and twenty soldiers
wounded. The insurgent losses are un-
known.

The official report adds that Col. Tovar
left with 600 men, and with his column
of 1,000 men. The insurgents were
4,000 strong, commanded by Gen-
eral Calixto Garcia and Jesus Habi.
They used artillery and a pneumatic dynamite
gun.

The insurgents are accused in the Span-
ish official report of having "committed
many barbarities in Cuba than in Victoria
de las Tunas."

The sensation in Havana over the news
that Gomez was bombarded with dynamite
and utterly destroyed by Gen. Calixto
Garcia is immense. The insurgents ob-
tained a victory as great as that of
Victoria de las Tunas. The Spaniards had
200 killed, and the column of Col. Tovar
was put to flight.

Gen. Garcia has issued a manifesto de-
claring that "the explosion of the Span-
iards from the towns has already begun."
Havana is in imminent danger of an
attack from the insurgents, and great
apprehension for its safety prevails in
Havana.

Gen. Blanco has called to Manzanilla,
ordering a column to start immediately
for Bayamo and announcing that he will
send other reinforcements.

An official report says that smallpox is
increasing to a great extent in Pinar del
Rio.

Gen. Ruiz Rivera has been pardoned by
royal decree, but he is kept in prison by
Gen. Blanco. Col. Basallao, his second in
command, was also pardoned, but is still
in prison. As is known, both non-com-
missioned officers refused to give their word not to fight
against Spain. Gen. Blanco thereupon
pardonized the decree of the queen
regent, and has informed Spain that to re-
lease these men would be dangerous to the
Spanish cause.

Gen. Blanco has issued severe orders for-
bidding the grinding of sugar cane. The
Times correspondent has seen the official
decree from the province of Havana,
of the report that Gomez will
allow grinding the cane.

"We assume you," says a communication
from the field addressed to the Cuban dele-
gate in New York, "that the sugar estates
of Providence, Josefa, Jose, Mercadita,
Rosario and those belonging to the Spanish
deputy Bernardino de Castro, in spite of the
protection given them by the Spaniards,
will not disobey our orders."

To show how things have improved under
Gen. Blanco's merciful government the fol-
lowing paragraph from some Canarie, the
most uncomplimentary of Spanish journals
in the field now as a reporter for La
Lucha, may be quoted:

"In Santa Domingo (Santa Clara prov-
ince)," says Don Casimiro in La Lucha,
"the most appalling spectacle is wit-
nessed every day. The Pacificos are
treated worse than beasts. It is hard to
believe that such things could happen
among the savage tribes of Africa. There
are here in this small town of not over
6,000 or 7,000 inhabitants, 200 cases
of smallpox. Nobody is vaccinated here.
Not the least care is taken to prevent the
spread of the epidemic. I have seen five
bodies thrown into one hole near the
town and buried without even any pains
being taken."

TO BE NO WAR WITH SPAIN

The President Thinks Interfer-
ence Not Advisable.

A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT

The Cubans Must Still Fight the
Unequal Battle Without Assis-
tance—The Battle Decides to Help
the Brave Little Country—Belief
in Spain's Specious Promises.

No help for Cuba. The great American
people, the champions of liberty, must
patiently continue listening to tales of
horror from the little island, without a
chance to act.

Such is the gist of the President's mes-
sage.

"Well," said the great provider, with a
sigh, "I don't like the message because
I'd like to see this country do something
to help Cuba, but I guess the President
knows more than I do about the situation."

"Only it seems funny to me that we
raised such a howl about the Armenian
massacres and allow similar horrors right
next door to us."

"Have we been busy today, did you
say? I would think we have. We had a
big advertisement in the paper, and we
advertised some pretty startling things. I
can tell you, so it's no wonder we are
busy."

"We advertised a \$6.00 Ladies' Desk
for \$3.98. And that's no joke, either, for
it's a finely made desk, splendidly finished
inside and out in solid oak or mahogany
finish."

"Then there's a handsome Oak Dresser,
with an oval French-style mirror, we are
selling at \$12.50. Why, it's an immense
bargain."

"In Rockers, too, we have some big
drives. A regular \$4.00 Collier Rocker
we are selling at \$1.98, and a fine
large cane seat Rocker, oak or mahogany
finish, at \$1.25."

"I tell you we beat the world at bargains.
And everything on credit."

Only Cent and a Half for Weather
Strip; cost 2c. and 3c. elsewhere.

LIFE HANGS BY A THREAD

Mother McKinley May Die Before
Her Son Arrives.

A CHANGE FOR THE WORSE

All Day Long She Had Shown In-
creasing Vitality and Even Given
Signs of Recognition, but as Even-
ing Came She Grew Rapidly Weak-
er—Family at the Bedside.

Canton, O., Dec. 6.—President McKin-
ley will in all probability again see
his mother alive. That is the feeling of
those who are watching at her bedside.
There is a strong possibility that Mother
McKinley will survive the night and pos-
sibly longer.

She enters upon the fifth night of her
illness apparently stronger than during
the fourth night. She experienced a
distinct rally this afternoon and besides
took nourishment, and while the rally was
not for long, the collapse leaves her no weak-
er than she was this morning.

It was not the noon hour that a prepara-
tion of beef was administered in liquid
form and shortly afterward the rally oc-
curred. She seemed to be conscious and
moved her hands as though in greeting to
those around her. The three children,
the aged sister and several others were in
the room and each felt that the invalid had
shown evidence of recognition. She
looked at each with a slight motion of
the hand, as in an effort of greeting.

Soon after this the patient took an-
other portion of the nourishment and
then sank into a seemingly restful repose
that could not be distinguished from a nat-
ural sleep. This good news was flashed
across the wires to the President just
about the time his message was being
read to Congress, and just after he had
completed the official duties which impelled
him to leave his mother's side when her
condition was so critical. Again, just be-
fore he was ready to start for Canton, the
wires carried the news that she was
likely to live until morning and still be
able to cheer his journey.

The attending physician was encouraged
by the condition when he left the house
early this evening to express a strong hope
that his patient would live until morning
and possibly longer. Both pulse and res-
piration seemed to justify this hope, as
there had been no net loss of strength and
vitality to speak of during the day. The
physician left her resting quietly, and will
call a few hours later. She has taken no
nourishment since early afternoon, but
that taken is strongly stimulating and per-
manent in effect.

At 11:45 the conditions are not favor-
able to Mrs. McKinley surviving the night,
or that the President will again see
her in life. The watching family has
not entirely abandoned this hope, but
is prepared for the worst. She is now
in one of the sinking spells she has been
experiencing at intervals during several
days past, and this one is characterized by
slightly different symptoms from any of
the others.

The pulse is slow, weak, and erratic, and
the respiration labored and irregular, with
occasional struggles for breath. She rests
comparatively easy, however, and is ab-
solutely without pain. Part of the family
has retired for rest, and those keeping the
vigil have not yet called the doctors, but
will do so unless there is shortly a rally
from the sinking spell.

The doctor, when last at the house, noted
a decidedly weaker and more unfavorable
condition over his previous visit. The pulse
had grown much weaker and the respiration
was much more labored. He has not en-
tirely abandoned the hope that she will
live through the night, but he is much less
hopeful.

Canton, O., Dec. 7.—At 1:15 o'clock Mrs.
McKinley shows no material rally from
the midnight collapse. She is very
weak and at intervals seems entirely in-
animate.

At times she breathes heavily and with
great effort, accompanied by the im-
mense noise in the throat so often present at
the time of death. All hope of survival
for the night has not been abandoned, but the
worst is feared.

PINKNEY NORRIS DIVORCED

His Wife Disappeared With Cavalier
Smith and Went to Japan.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—An absolute di-
vorce was today granted to Mr. Pinkney
Norris. Philadelphia was amazed to learn
that Mrs. Pinkney Norris had disappeared
simultaneously with Cavalier Smith,
a member of the Philadelphia Club
and prominent as a man about town. Mr.
Smith was a married man and when he dis-
appeared at the same time as Mrs. Norris
he left a wife and five children.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Norris journeyed to-
gether to Japan, stopping for a time at the
Hawaiian Islands. Later they parted com-
pany, and Mrs. Norris is now said to be living
in New York. Mr. Norris has just returned
from a European tour. He left two of his
children abroad.

NOT LIKED BY THE TURKS

British Travelers Arrested by the
Sultan's Soldiers.

London, Dec. 6.—Robert Smith and four
other passengers on the steamship Crode
Prince went ashore in Syria on November
28, to visit the ruins of Seleucia. They
were arrested by Turkish soldiers who
marched them four miles across a swamp
to Suwayda, where they were imprisoned
for twenty-four hours, despite the fact
that their passports had been regularly
issued and they had Turkish traveling per-
mits.

Their release was procured by the British
consul at Antioch, through the good of-
fices of an American missionary at Swe-
ida. The incident is an instance of the
annoyances that are perpetually offered to
English travelers in the Turkish dis-
tricts, since the war between Turkey and
Greece.

Indians Attack a Schooner

Hermosillo, Texas, Dec. 6.—Official
advice has been received here of an attack
on the schooner Carnation by Seris In-
dians. Two members of the schooner's
crew were killed. The captain of the
vessel attempted to land on the shore of
Tuboron Island, not knowing that Seris
Indians were in the vicinity. A band of
about fifty Indians made an attack on the
crew, and had the schooner not quickly
got away, it is thought that all of the
crew would have been killed.

Rev. Dr. Berry's Second Address.
Rev. Charles A. Berry, D. D., the well-
known English clergyman, delivered an-
other address his subject of international
arbitration last night at the First Con-
gregational Church. The church was filled
with interested listeners. Dr. Berry has
been president as chairman of the occasion
and introduced Dr. Berry.

Cleveland Moved.
The Cleveland Cycle Company has moved
into their handsome new quarters at the
corner of New York Avenue and 14th Street.
The new models are on exhibition and are
admirable.

Cent and a Half a Foot for the Best
weather strip; either felt or rubber.

ACCUSED OF WIFE MURDER

New Hampshire Physician Charged
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